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'Winona-gate' drama in Student Senate meetings

Sarah Burgen
Dana Kudelka
WINONAN

The United States will hold a presidential election this year, and Winona State University students can get a taste of the political drama that may ensue in that race by taking a look at the first two Student Senate meetings of the spring semester.

Interim Student Senate president Emily Feehan started the semester with a plan for a clean slate.

Her plan included asking senators to remember the four T's—Transition, Tuition, Textbooks and Transmission.

She then asked for the resignation of all committee chairs.

"Our mission is to advocate for students. Chairs, please resign at this moment," said Feehan, according to the Student Senate minutes.

Shocked by Feehan's request, junior Sen. Charles Moburg and Liberal Arts Sen. Phillip Bergstrom left the meeting for fifteen minutes.

"I didn't know what to say," said Moburg. "I wasn't sure how this helped with a smooth and clear transition."

Education Sen. Terri Burke was concerned about the lack of chair evaluations at the end of the fall semester. She said that in order to have open communication, it is necessary to find out what can be done better.

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Katherine Chickey/WINONAN

Senior Sen. David O Bray and interim president Emily Feehan discuss business at last Wednesday's senate meeting. A letter of impeachment was brought by three members of the gallery against Feehan later on during the meeting.

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New crime reporting website helps break the silence

Rachel Smith
WINONAN

A Winona State University Student Senate committee is pursuing the implementation of a new online page, Silent Witness, in an effort to fight campus crime.

Unlike the current online security report page on the university's website, Silent Witness would allow students to anonymously report crimes they see on campus.

The idea of the program was first mentioned briefly by senior Brandon Nagel at a Senate meeting at the end of October 2007.

Since then, Education Sen. Terri Burke and the senate's Diversity Awareness committee have been working on im-

plementing the program.

Burke and the committee have talked to several security representatives including those from Minnesota State University, Mankato and Southwest Minnesota State University, both of which have given positive feedback about their campus' Silent Witness programs.

In the early planning stages, Burke said there were questions by the school administration about liability issues surrounding the program such as reporting names or the possible problem of students creating fictitious crimes.

In response to these concerns, campus director of security Don Walski has agreed to take on the sole responsibility of answering the online crime

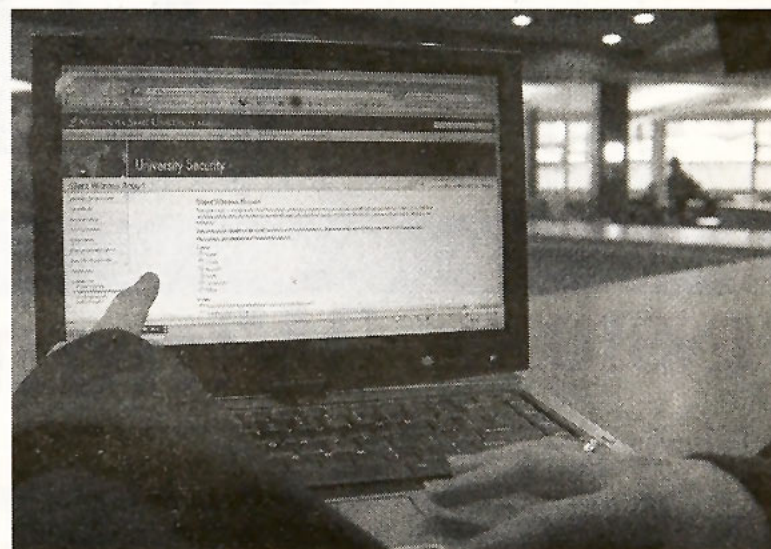
reports using his own discretion.

He would be the only member of campus security who would have access and control over the reported names.

Walski said he will pursue each complaint he receives on the website, though he does not anticipate a rush of emails.

The new crime report page adopts the format currently used on Mankato's school website. Students may report crimes such as vandalism and assault or report fraud such as forgery or theft of state property.

The report also asks students to describe the incident in as much known detail as possible, such as when and



Fred Schulze/WINONAN

WSU Education Sen. Terri Burke shows the Minnesota State-Mankato security's silent witness program website that will be a model for the WSU version, for students to anonymously report crime.

where the incident occurred.

Walski said that his ability to address a complaint depends mainly on the details of the report.

"We can only respond to the thoroughness of the information they give us," Walski said.

In conjunction with the Silent Witness website, Walski said a telephone tip line may be made available to students who want to leave an anonymous message of complaint.

After final approval by the Student Senate committee, Walski said he will work with the informational technology services department and can have Silent Witness available soon thereafter.

The approval process has been delayed due to the interim Student Senate president Emily Feehan's recent decision to fire all Senate committee chairs.

This decision has caused the Silent Witness program to come to a standstill, Burke said, who is the former chair of the Diversity Awareness committee.

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Satori

Tell us your journey...

Submissions due Monday, Feb. 11th
E-mail to: SatoriEditors@winona.edu

Accepting Your Submissions:

Maximum 15 pages of prose

5 pages of poetry

5 works of art and photography (submitted as a .TIFF or .JPEG)

Artwork and photography will be published in black and white

Satori is a student run yearly publication featuring creative works of WSU students.



"When we had a problem with her, we respected her enough to tell her," said Burke.

When comments for the good of the order were asked for, junior Sen. Josh Martin said, "I have some concern with decisions made about former chairs and making a smooth transition. Not only on behalf of myself, but of my fellow chairs who have done an outstanding job so far. This is a disgrace."

Feehan did not respond to a request for an interview by the time of publication.

"Honestly, I think she was just trying to get rid of specific people," said Moburg.

A large gallery filled the following week's meeting, with 60+ people outside of senate in attendance.

Justin Hiniker, a junior at Winona State, brought concerns to Senate at the beginning of the meeting.

"Progress has been halted by the firing of the chairs," said Hiniker. "For example, the Silent Witness program has been put on hold."

He also questioned Feehan's presidency, using the Senate's

constitution as his basis.

Interim Dean of Students Dr. Karen Johnson and former Sen. Nate Glenn commended the senators for keeping their minds clear and pushing for the students.

"No matter what happens, keep (your) minds on students, not on yourself," said Glenn.

Official business went very well for the rest of the meeting, and according to Burke, Feehan did a very good job overseeing everything.

It was when the meeting was coming to a close, during comments from the gallery that things were shook up again.

Hiniker and two other Winona State students presented a letter calling for the impeachment of Feehan.

"There were rumblings, but no one actually thought it was going to happen," said Sens. Burke and Moburg.

Burke said that as elected people, they put themselves up for things such as impeachment.

As of now, Feehan has been stripped of voting rights, but until the judicial board,

comprised of senators, comes back with an official decision, she remains interim president.

On Thursday, Jan. 24, former Public Relations chair and Liberal Arts Sen. Ian Galchutt announced his resignation from Student Senate.

Galchutt sent an e-mail indicating he was resigning for academic concerns.

"I have other commitments," he said. "I want to do other things with my life."

He also indicated that his devotion to Barack Obama's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination was his primary priority at the moment.

Galchutt hasn't ruled out running for senate next year, but has no plans to run for an executive position in the future.

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In Brief

WSU hosts dream workshop

Winona State University's Counseling Center offers an educational workshop on dream interpretation from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 in Purple Room 104 in Kryzsko Commons.

This workshop gives students the opportunity to learn about the

self-interpretation of dreams and to practice dream interpretation in small groups.

This event is free and open to students.

For more information call Wayne Theye at (507) 457-5330.

Historical society to teach about eating locally

The Winona County Historical Society, in conjunction with the Land Stewardship Project, will present "How to Eat Local in Winter—and Why!" at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the historical society museum.

This is the culminating event to the six-week local run of the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit: "Key Ingredients: America by Food." While "Key Ingredients" uses photographs and artifacts to examine the evolution of American

dining and cooking habits, the Feb. 2 event is designed to put a face on the farmers and others who bring the region good food year-round.

Speakers will offer a primer on the varied sources of local produce, dairy products and meat, as well as a few reasons why supporting our regional farmers is good for everyone concerned.

For more information call the Society at 507-454-2723.

Student Senate remains firm at zero percent

Dana Kudelka
WINONAN

For the last decade, students at Winona State University have been faced with tuition increases ranging from figures in the double digits to a lesser four percent.

This year, Winona State Student Senate is taking a stand against the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Mn-SCU) Board of Trustees.

With the death of former Student Senate president Jared Stene and the recent requests for resignation of all Student Senate committee chairs, the decision on whether to support

up to a four percent increase in tuition for 2008-2009 had continually been postponed.

At the Student Senate meeting Jan. 24, senators passed a motion supporting a zero percent tuition increase with a vote of 10-7.

After a brief discussion with Junior Sen. Charles Molberg and Education Sen. Terri Burke, Junior Sen. Josh Martin voted to amend the motion which would implement more tuition relief responsibility on the Office of the Chancellor.

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delivery

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Irresponsible drinking is big cause for concern

**Claudia Cappiello
WINONAN**

Binge drinking has become an even more serious problem this year after the deaths of four college students in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, including Winona State University sophomore Jenna Foellmi on Dec. 14, 2007.

More and more college students are drinking to the point of alcohol poisoning. Some signs of alcohol poisoning are unconsciousness, vomiting while passed out and body temperature changes.

In an effort to cut binge drinking down, Rep. Morrie Lanning, a Republican of Moorhead, Minn., said that he would push

a bill this next session that will attempt to wipe out the bottomless cups and lady's drink-for-free specials in Minnesota.

Lanning was also the initiator of the outlaw of the "power hour" in Minnesota a couple years ago. The "power hour" was the tradition of drinking 21 shots in the first hour of the twenty-first birthday.

That bill was passed to prevent incidents like the one in

Don Walski, director of security for Winona State said that security guards have intense training to deal with alcohol related incidents on campus. After this training, they are able to contact the police to take a student to detox if needed.

During training, the security guards meet with a counselor, an attorney and, finally, with Don to learn how to spot alcohol poisoning.



Photo illustration by Jackie Hahn/WINONAN

When a student is found to be incapacitated and possibly be of harm to themselves after a night of drinking, they may be taken to detox.

According to Walski, in 2006 and 2007, 15 people were taken to detox from Winona State. In 2006, there were 419 alcohol violations and 20 arrests on campus.

As the years pass, more alcohol violations occur, which may be in part to the increased attention the university is plac-

ing on binge drinking and its effects.

According to Kelli McClintick, health educator for Winona State, everyone should know how to calculate his or her own blood alcohol concentration (BAC) to be safe and avoid alcohol poisoning.

McClintick said that approximately 50 percent of people who reach a BAC of .31 or more will die due to respiratory arrest.

Binge drinking is defined as having four or more drinks in one sitting for a woman, or five or more drinks for a man. It is basically consuming too much alcohol in too little time.

McClintick stated that "students generally way underestimate what a drink really is."

A drink constitutes as 12 oz of beer, 4 oz of wine, one shot of 80 proof liquor or 8-9 oz of malt liquor.

McClintick teaches a brief intervention class called "Choices" which talks about what binge drinking looks like, how to calculate your BAC, how to take care of your friends and how to party safer.

Many people may not know this, according to McClintick,

- Tips to party safer:**
- Set a limit before you go
 - Make a party plan with friends, go together and leave together
 - Eat before you drink
 - Drink non-alcoholic drinks at parties like pop
 - Don't make getting drunk the point of going to a party
 - Know the signs of alcohol poisoning
 - Call for help from a friend if needed

but the liver can only remove alcohol from the bloodstream at a rate of one drink per hour. There is no way to speed that process up.

For example, if you had eight drinks (one beer, one shot, etc.) it will take you eight hours to become sober.

"We need to do everything we can do to lower the number of binge drinkers and keep kids safe," said Walski.

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Cause of Stene's death discovered-rare genetic disorder

**Courtney Zinter
WINONAN**

The cause of former Winona State University Student Senate president Jared Stene's death was shrouded with confusion and mystery, especially for the Stene family.

About two weeks ago, the doctors informed them Stene had a rare, genetic disorder called Wilson's disease.

According to Stene's sister, Caitlin, a Winona State sophomore, he was the first case of

Wilson's disease in their family and the disease was passed on from her parents, who each carried the chromosome.

"Both of my parents were carriers, so there's never been anyone in our history with it because it's so rare," said Caitlin. "It's a recessive gene, so they both had to carry it for it to happen."

Wilson's disease is characterized by copper build up in the heart or liver, according to the Wilson's Disease Association International. According to the

WDAI website, patients with Wilson's cannot excrete the excess copper the way most people do and the copper build up results in poisoning which can cause organ failure.

The WDAI said the disease affects about one in 30,000 individuals and is fatal if it goes undetected or untreated.

"Nobody checks or screens for it unless somebody in your family has died from the disease, so it's almost like a catch 22," said Stene's father, Bruce.

According to Bruce, the

disease becomes a "numbers game" because it's so rare.

"The doctor said this is the first case of Wilson's he'd ever seen and for as long as he practices medicine he will probably never see another case of it," Bruce said.

The WDAI website said testing for Wilson's is relatively simple and can diagnose patient's with Wilson's whether they are symptomatic or not.

Stene's condition had progressed too far, and even if the doctors caught it the first time

he went in the hospital was nothing they could have done there, Caitlin said.

The doctors were concerned that it was Wilson's initially, but it couldn't be tested due to his thin blood and weakness, Bruce said.

"There was nothing they could do for him because the procedure itself would have killed him," he added.

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Minnesota caucuses to be held next week

Find out what you should know as a voter

Greg Eichten
WINONAN

The Minnesota Democratic and Republican caucuses will be held on Feb. 5, beginning at 7 p.m.

For some Winona State University students, the caucuses are simply a reason to rejoice at class cancelations starting at 6 p.m.; to others, however, the caucuses are much more. They are a part of a long and complex process of deciding who will be on the ballot for statewide and nationwide elections, including the presidential election.

"The Republicans and the Democrats each have separate caucuses on Feb. 5. Any person eligible to vote in Minnesota who has lived here for thirty days can attend either caucus, but not both," said Monica Hennessy-Mohan, the Winona City Clerk.

The Republican caucus is at Winona Middle School, and the Democratic caucus locations are split up by ward, between Winona Senior High and Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical.

Huff Street is the boundary between wards two and three, which means that everyone living West of Huff Street will be in ward two, and those who want to go to the Democratic caucus will go to Winona Senior High. This includes those living on west campus. Those living East of Huff Street, including students living on main campus, are in ward three and should go to Southeast Technical for the Democratic caucus.

The independent caucus will be held in the Blondell Motel in Rochester on the Feb. 5. The Green party will hold their caucuses on March 4, and the Con-

stitution Party will hold their caucuses on Feb. 2 at locations that have not been released.

Caucus locations can be found at www.caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us, said Hennessy-Mohan. Type in an address and the site will find the location of each caucus.

Darrell Downs, chairperson of the political science department at Winona State, gave insight into the purpose of the caucuses and what first time caucus-goers should expect when they arrive.

"Caucuses are held every two years. Their purpose is to elect delegates to go to a convention at a higher level. These delegates will then endorse candidates for office," said Downs. "This time around more people are being attracted to the caucuses because of the presidential race."

Downs explained that the Democrats cast a preference vote for their favorite candidate during the caucus. The results from each precinct are reported to the state almost immediately and candidates receive delegates who are bound to vote for them in higher county conventions. The number of delegates each candidate receives is based on the proportions of the populations that voted for them.

The Republicans do things slightly differently—they cast votes at the caucus, which are commonly called straw votes. These votes show the preferences of the people, but the process doesn't bind the delegates that are selected at the caucus to vote for any particular candidate.

Even though state party leaders are expecting a big turnout at the caucuses, the overall

number of people that participate is actually very small.

"If we get a total of a hundred thousand people from all the parties combined that's still just over two and a half percent of the voting population," said Downs. "But it's still bigger than what we've seen."

Because so few people attend the caucuses, every person counts.

"Your individual participation in the caucuses has a much greater impact than it does in the general election," said Downs. "If you don't participate others are shaping the ballot for you."

Downs will be giving a presentation titled, "What is a caucus?" for the American Democracy Project at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Purple rooms.

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Presidential candidates 411



Barack Obama-Democrat

- Former senator in the Illinois State Senate
- Currently a United States Senator
- Wants to work between parties and allowing everyone a seat at the table



John McCain-Republican

- Veteran of the Vietnam War
- Experienced United States Senator
- Claims to be better prepared than his competitors to lead on his first day in office



Ron Paul-Republican

- Congressman in the House of Representatives from Texas
- Wants to end the war in Iraq
- Claims he will bring big economic changes to our country
- Stands for increased personal liberty

Hillary Clinton-Democrat

- Former first lady
- Current United States Senator from New York
- Considers herself the candidate with the experience needed to lead and to do the job right



Rudy Giuliani-Republican

- Former Associate Attorney General
- Former Mayor of New York City
- Wishes to restore fiscal responsibility to our nation and cut taxes



Mitt Romney-Republican

- Former governor of Massachusetts
- Vows to keep Americans safe
- Says he will confront radical Jihad
- Wants to improve America's global competitiveness



John Edwards-Democrat

- Former United States Senator
- Will fight for the middle class and against special interest in America's political system



Mike Huckabee-Republican

- Former governor of Arkansas
- Wants to secure U.S. borders
- Promotes the sanctity of life
- Supports the FairTax, which will eliminate the IRS

For more information on these candidates or those running for other state or federal positions, visit individual candidates' web pages or go to www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008

Security Incidents

Thursday, Jan. 17

10:40 a.m.—A faculty member reported being harassed by a student on campus. Matter referred to the Dean of Students.

10:20 p.m.—The shuttle driver reported a highly intoxicated student with alcohol on the van. The student eventually ran from Security and was later located by Security and the Winona Police Department. The student was cited for Minor Consuming and was also referred to the Conduct Officer.

Friday, Jan. 18

8:50 a.m.—Security and the Winona Fire Department responded to Prentiss-Lucas on a fire alarm. False Alarm.

Saturday, Jan. 19

12:56 a.m.—An alarm sounded at Maria Hall, false alarm.

2:15 a.m.—Residence Life requested assistance with an intoxicated student who was passed out in Maria Hall. EMS and police also responded. Student cited for a minor consuming violation and was not transported.

2:20 a.m.—A fire alarm activated in Sheehan Hall. False Alarm.

2:50 a.m.—Security found an intoxicated student passed out in Maria Hall. EMS and police were notified, student was not transported. The student was issued a citation for minor consuming.

6:56 a.m.—A student reported damage to her trunk lock while it was parked in the Maria Parking Lot. Nothing was found missing.

Sunday, Jan. 20

3:50 p.m.—Winona Police requested assistance from Security who were attempting to locate a student with possible medical problems. Student was located in Lourdes and found to be okay.

11:30 p.m.—Security warned a resident in the Quad concerning loud music and eventually cited several of them for an alcohol violation. Matter was referred to the Hall Director.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

7:49 p.m.—A student was cited for possession of marijuana in Lourdes. Referred to the Hall Director.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

1:16 a.m.—A parent phoned Security and was unable to locate his son who was a student at WSU. Student eventually located and made

contact with parent.

Thursday, Jan. 24

8:40 a.m.—Winona Fire and Security responded to Sheehan concerning a Fire Alarm, faulty sensor. No fire or smoke.

Friday, Jan. 25

5:00 a.m.—Winona Police Department came to security concerning some personal property found by them containing drugs. Matter was referred to the police and Director of Security.

Saturday, Jan. 26

12:01 a.m.—Security responded to a report of a broken window on 2nd Conway. Matter referred to the Director of Security.

12:15 a.m.—Several students cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and alcohol in Prentiss-Lucas. Referred to the Hall Director.

1:15 a.m.—A student reported being harassed by a former friend in Lourdes. The former friend was warned and the matter was also referred to the Hall Director.

1:35 a.m.—A student was cited for attempting to bring alcohol into Maria. Matter referred to the Hall Director.



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There was an obvious split in opinion when it came to the decision of whether or not to support the motion.

Minnesota State University Student Association Campus Representative and Senior Sen/David Obray felt favoring a zero percent increase would cause more harm to the university than good.

“(It is) unrealistic that our school can operate on a zero percent tuition increase,” said Obray.

Senior Sen. Andrew Schuler echoed Obray’s comments by adding that tuition relief “won’t come from MnSCU, it will come from our campus.”

Education Sen. Nathan Lynne called the recommendation “radical,” and that the Winona State campus would not receive a zero percent tuition increase.

Other senators felt that by supporting the recommenda-

tion, Winona State would be sending a message to the MnSCU Board of Trustees.

“(The motion) is a stance,” said Burke. “Will a zero percent increase happen? I don’t know, but the state isn’t meeting our obligation and we need to stop paying out of pocket.”

Liberal Arts Senator Philip Bergstrom felt the motion would tell MnSCU that Winona State students will not support tuition increases in the future.

Last semester the Student Fee Management Committee presented a recommendation to support up to a four percent tuition increase.

Former Liberal Arts senator Ian Galchutt originally amended the motion by asking the MnSCU Board of Trustees for a zero percent increase.

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Even after Stene’s death, the doctors were not sure what the cause was. Bruce said it was frustrating for the family to have questions without answers. He said getting those answers provided some form of comfort.

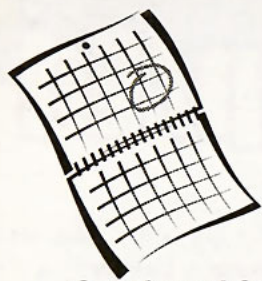
“As a family, you play the ‘what if?’ game; ‘what if we would have done this?’ and ‘what if we would have known that?’ and it closes those questions for us now that we know we did everything possible and

the doctors did everything possible,” Bruce said. “In a way, that’s a very comforting feeling.”

Caitlin emphasized that everyone needs to know about the disease, especially because it’s so rare that doctors never test for it.

“I’m going through the process now of getting tested,” Caitlin said.

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What's happening at WSU....

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"I'm working with the University of Minnesota's genetic counseling. From what I know it's just getting blood drawn and looking at genetic makeup."

She said it is an extremely livable disease, especially if caught at a young age.

In addition, it is completely manageable with diet and medication.

"One of the frustrating things for us is knowing that it's completely treatable once you know you have it," said Bruce.

According to Bruce, the family received a lot of support through the whole process from the hospitalization to the funeral.

"It's been overwhelming for us with all the people that have come forward to wish us the best and give us their remembrances, and it's a very humbling moment," Bruce said. "And we just thought he was a kid who needed a haircut."

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Burke said that this project is important in the effort to make students feel safer about the campus and that these new outlets will help reach the most students.

"Every student has the right to feel safe on campus and if Silent Witness helps fulfill that- it's worth it," said Burke. "Even if it doesn't necessarily help a student, the possibility that it could and that it's there helps."

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Wednesday, Jan. 30

Art Muse: Stretching the Facts— WSU at 150 Years

Sponsored by the Art Department

WHERE: Weber Gallery, WSU

WHEN: Jan. 30 - Feb. 6

TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Contact Anne Plummer at (507) 457-5393 for more information

Corruption and the Campaign Finance System

WSU's Athenaeum series

With history professor Kurt Hohenstein

WHERE: 2nd floor of Krueger Library

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

Contact Kendall Larson at (507) 457-5367 for more information

Thursday, Jan. 31

Camp, Internship and Volunteer Fair

Sponsored by the WSU Career Services

WHERE: Lower Hyphen

WHEN: Jan. 30 - Feb. 6

TIME: 11:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Winona International Dancers

WSU's International Series

WHERE: Tau Center Rotunda

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

Contact Travis Schmidt at TPSchmid9100@winona.edu for more information.

Friday, Feb. 1

WSU Student Photography Show

Sponsored by the Mass Communication Department

WHERE: Winona Arts Center

WHEN: The month of February

TIME: 5 P.M. - 7 P.M. (reception)

Contact Tom Grier at TGrier@winona.edu for more information

Music Scholarship Auditions

WSU Music Department

Contact Pat Young at (507) 453-5250 for more information

Saturday, Feb. 2

Book Unveiling

Winona State University unveils two books honoring its Sesquicentennial

WHERE: Lourdes Hall, foyer

TIME: 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Contact Beth Halleck at BHalleck@winona.edu for more information.

Sunday, Feb. 3

Democratic U.S. Senate Debate

Featuring Al Franken, Mike Ciresi, Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer

WHERE: Somsen Auditorium

TIME: 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Contact College Democrats president Gerald Strauss GR-Strauss9544@winona.edu for more information

Monday, Feb. 4

Musical Mardi Gras Celebration

Sponsored by the WSU Music Department

WHO: WSU Dixie Midnight Runners and The Gate City Jazz Band

WHERE: Lourdes Hall, foyer

TIME: 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Stress Busters for Students

Sponsored by Student Health Services, Fitness and Wellness Center

WHO: Counselor Wayne Theye

WHAT: A workshop focusing on ways to prevent, reduce and cope with the effects of stress on the mind and body

WHERE: Kryzsko Commons

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

For more information contact Kelli McClintick at KMcClintick@winona.edu

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Minnesota DFL & Republican Caucuses

No Winona State University classes after 6 P.M.

WHERE: Winona Middle School, Southeast Technical College, Winona Senior High School

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Truth can never be relative

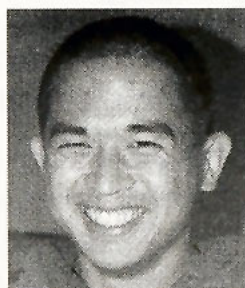
Samuel Keane-Rudolph
Op/Ed Columnist

"What is truth?" said jesting Pilate, and would not stay for an answer." So quips Francis Bacon in his essay "Of Truth." Such answers I hear often as I bemoan my existence as a modernist in a postmodern world. As I sat in my Issues and Ethics class the first week of this semester, something seemed amiss to me – something that took me until now to fully

comprehend. I was told that the goal of the class was to find a moral and ethical system that worked for me.

Very well. But the implication is that all such systems are relative, and that as long as we can go home at the end of the day, look in the mirror and call ourselves good people, it's

a good system. But moral values are objective, not relative, truths. To prove this, I offer the first part of my defense of the moral absolute: a defense of objective truth. The two conflicting views of truth here are the correspondence theory of truth and the relative theory of truth.



The relative theory of truth is expressed when someone says "Well, that may be true for you,

but it's not true for me." Therefore, according to relativists, a person can say "Jesus Christ is the one true God," and another can say "There is no God but Allah" and both can be true

as they represent the real feelings of the speakers. The correspondence theory of truth says that a statement is true if and only if it corresponds with reality, i.e. "The dog is a dachshund" is true if and only if the dog is indeed a dachshund. The relative theory of truth, while fuzzily comforting

to modern sensibilities and patently inoffensive to all beliefs, falls flat on its face because it mistakes belief with truth. Just because people take disagreeing positions on an issue of fact does not mean that they both must be right. For example, there is some academic disagreement about whether or not William Shakespeare existed and wrote all those plays. If you believe such a man did exist, and I believe Francis Bacon wrote all those plays, both of our beliefs cannot be true – because they are mutually exclusive. The truth is independent of what either of us believes. Either there was a playwright named William Shakespeare and he did write those plays, or he never existed and someone else wrote plays

under his name. But not both. Norman Geisler, a noted theologian and philosopher, notes "... if truth is relative, then no one is ever wrong – even when they are." A clearer case would go thus: I say there is milk in the refrigerator, and you say there is not. It may be true that we both believe with absolute certainty that we are each right, but we cannot open the refrigerator and both find and not find a jug of milk. Regardless of what we believe and how strongly we believe it, one of us is wrong.

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Ponder the effects of hate crimes

Dana Kudelka
Guest Op/Ed Columnist

When a doll hung by a noose is found on public school grounds, the case should be taken seriously by school officials and with promise to the students and parents that this instance will not be tolerated.

On Jan. 4 at Chosen Valley High School in Chatfield, Minn., a black doll was found hung by a noose on campus. Their principal, Randy Paulson, believes the two students accused didn't realize their actions would be perceived as racist.

When one of the persons accused of hanging the doll is known for having a poster supporting a white supremacist group in his or her locker, I'm positive the persons accused knew the doll they hung was

black.

To say anything else is being ignorant to what hate crimes truly are.

When someone does some kind of act with an intent to harm or humiliate another person based on their race, color, gender, sexual orientation, etc., that is a hate crime. Hanging a black doll by a noose when you know there are black students at your high school makes you eligible to be classified as a bigot asshole that needs to be educated on how to respect fellow human beings.

When we as humans start putting limits on how others live their lives, we begin to take away basic human rights.



By telling a homosexual they can't marry their loved one because the Bible so-called "condemns" gay marriage or that the homosexual lifestyle

"just isn't natural," you are taking away their basic right as a human to live the life they so desire. Just look at the murder of Matthew Shepard at the University of Wyoming and

tell yourself that wasn't a hate crime.

This also applies to hate crimes towards any minority. What right does a white male have to tell a black woman or an Asian man that because of the color or their skin or because of their race, they are less than he is? He doesn't have that right.

Feminist author, social activist, and university professor Bell Hooks said it best by applying actions like these to her term white supremacist capitalist patriarchy. By defining cases like the black doll being hung by a noose in Chatfield as racist, we as humans put white males at the center of our society. All races, genders, etc., need to come together and realize what they are doing to each other.

So I challenge you, as a critical thinker, to think about the long term effects hate crimes and white supremacist capitalist patriarchal behavior will have on our world.

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Chartwells: Get your act together

Carl Hunter
Op/Ed Columnist

Wow, there's a lot of stuff going on lately. Stock Market slump, Obama versus Hillary, Student Senate seems to be making a pilot for a reality TV show, Brett Favre apparently isn't god, Tom Brady is sporting a cast (OH NO!), Heath Ledger calls it quits, the Spears family apparently doesn't believe in condoms, Hardees is now serving heart attack sandwiches 24 hours a day, and Iran is all up in our face.

Man, how can I only get 500 words with all of this going on.

Well, I know ripping on café food is passé but Chartwells... WOW! You take the cake. Hell the whole bakery. Not only do you fudge up and forget to process all your credit/debit transactions for an ENTIRE SEMESTER but after this

discovery of idiocy, you half-assed informed your customers. You guys deem it 'satisfactory' to inform the student population that in a few days their bill for an entire semester of poor digestion will be processed at once.

We are college students that live in a digital/instant gratification era. We assume transactions happen immediately so we have a poor habit of keeping track of the balance but we know what we roughly have. If \$2 here or \$4 hasn't been taken out for our quick lunch stop, good chance we won't notice.

We are poor. We don't have a cash surplus sitting around waiting for a 4-month built up bill to come. Especially after Christmas.

We don't check our WSU e-mail when school is not in session.

If we graduated, moved on, we probably don't check it at all.



So Chartwells sends this e-mail in their attempt to give a friendly little heads-up to the students, "Hey buddies, we messed up.

Apparently we forgot to collect the money for all the food you ate last semester. We are sorry. But to make it up to you and start spring semester off right, we're going to collect all our debts at once. So, if you can look back over the past 4 months and figure out about how much you spent here, make sure that's in your account please, that'll be great. OH and I hope you have overdraft protection because

each charge is processed separately. Yeah. So if it goes negative after collecting money for those fries you bought in November...yeah, that's an overcharge. But that's just the first of many. You'll get one for every transaction after that point. Yup. Have fun paying a \$20 overcharge fee for a \$2 overpriced cup of yogurt. Sincerely and apologetically, we know your parents will probably bail you out and you'll continue to eat our shit this semester anyways, Chartwells." A lot of people I know are sitting \$300-\$500 in the hole now.

Despite how poor Chartwells handled the situation it's ultimately the consumer's responsibility. Balance your cards, daily. I know it seems redundant and stupid because it always checks out, but besides avoiding the pitfalls of poor business, you'll have a more

conscious idea of where your money is actually disappearing to. Setup overdraft protection so that if your checking account runs out it's automatically covered by your credit. The cost of overdraft protection is pretty cheap, about the same cost of having 1 overdraft a year. And

face it, in a world where we buy lots of \$1 \$2 things with credit/debit the most likely thing to come after one overdraft, is another, and then another, and then you'll get the notice from your bank about the first one.

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Letter to the Editor

Death notifications need revising

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The publicity of Jared Stene's death has been excessive. Any death can be distressing, but the manner in which this was blown way out of proportion gives tremendous disrespect to other student deaths, which don't get so much as a peep of acknowledgement from the University. Lee Wells, who died the week prior, was in my macro econ class.

I remember vividly the

Tuesday immediately after Thanksgiving break. Prof. Gallegos told the class. He walked to the top of the room, stood behind where Wells used to sit, and reported his death. "It doesn't make things any easier," he said, choking, on the way back down to the lecture area. He told us to live each day to its fullest.

I'd suggest that if Stene had never died or been hospitalized, we never would have heard anything about Wells.

When I first got the email about Stene's hospitalization, I was shocked at the poor grammar and exclamation mark in the subject line. It was arrogant for Ms. Feehan to decide to "set the rumors and stories straight." Addressing us in that tone was inappropriate.

I ended up getting four more mass-messages about Stene's death.

One informed me that buses would be available to take people to his funeral. First of all, his funeral is not a sporting event. It is not a field trip. It is not something that concerns the whole university. Why in the world were there buses for this, and moreover, who is paying for them? I sure hope it's not me. And not you. Because if it's coming out of Student Senate's budget, they need to seriously reconsider what exactly their job is and who they serve.

All told, there was a vigil, prayer time, buses to the funeral, and then a tribute. Four university-wide events for a death? When was the last time Student Senate sent emails

about tuition increases?

I'm not ripping on Stene; I'm ripping on how the situation was handled. And how deaths have been handled in the past. The sheer disrespect that the administration has shown for those community members who have passed, by not so much as even glancing over their shoulder, is quite atrocious.

An obituary or an email about a death is neither a right the deceased have nor something the university should be obligated to do.

It's something that should be done out of courtesy for those passed. And courtesy, I'd argue, is a key element to communities of learners dedicated to improving our world.

A Note from the Winonan:

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Clothes and music: Not your typical business suit

Sarah Burgen
WINONAN

There are two things that most college-age people are at least somewhat interested in—music and clothing.

Twenty-four-year-old Johnny Minardi, of the Chicago area, followed his dreams to create a company that combines these

two interests.

The concept of the company, which Minardi named Snakes and Suits, a play on the dishonesty in many aspects of the professional world, first came to him two-and-a-half years ago. After 24 months of solid planning, he partnered up with longtime friends Tony Marino and Eric Ryan in summer 2007.

"We all see very eye-to-eye

and feed off each other in order to continue to build the company towards something we want to be a part of," Minardi said.

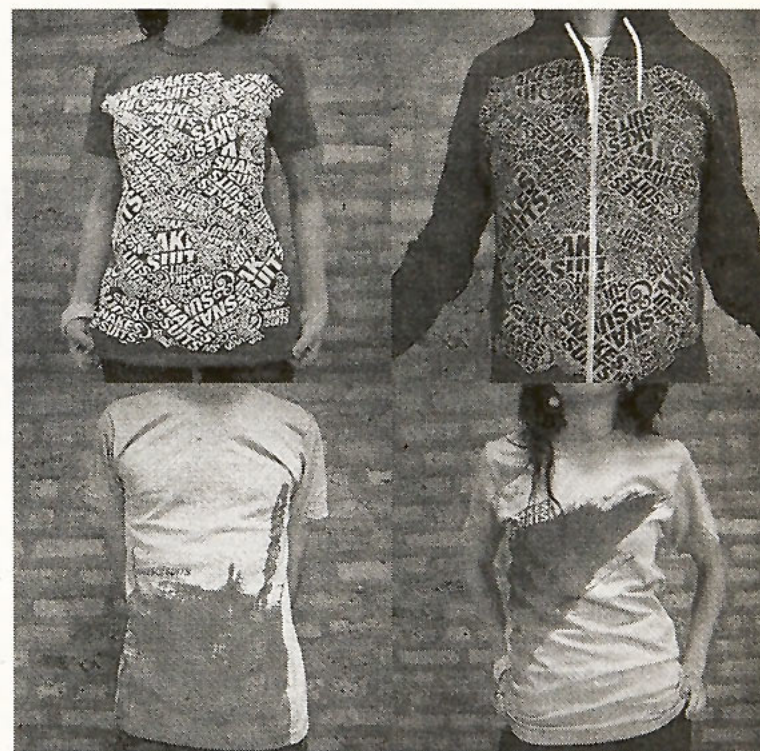
Minardi describes the clothes as "street wear," and all pieces currently available are unisex. Each piece is shown on the company's website, www.snakesandsuits.com, on both a male and female model, and T-shirts and sweatshirts are available to order.

Ryan, Minardi's business partner, designs all of the clothing.

Aside from his venture into the fashion world, Minardi works as an Artist and Repertoire person for Fueled By Ramen Records, which catapulted Fall Out Boy to the fame they possess today. Because of those connections, Minardi and his company is able to sponsor bands with decent fan bases.

"Some of the most notable bands under Snakes and Suits sponsorship are Cobra Starship, The Academy Is, The Starting Line, Cute Is What We Aim For and Less Than Jake.

"A lot of our sponsored bands will be



Sample clothing items sold on www.snakesandsuits.com

wearing our clothing on their upcoming tours," Minardi said. He cited this as a great promotional tool.

This also leads to the music side of Snakes and Suits.

"The idea [for the music aspect] is to work with bands and artists that we enjoy and that see eye-to-eye about giving away some tunes for free," said Minardi.

So far, Snakes and Suits has re-released Gatsby's American Dream's CD titled "In The Land Of Lost Monsters."

Minardi originally worked with Gatsby's on his first record label, the self-created Little League Records, which Minardi started at age 18.

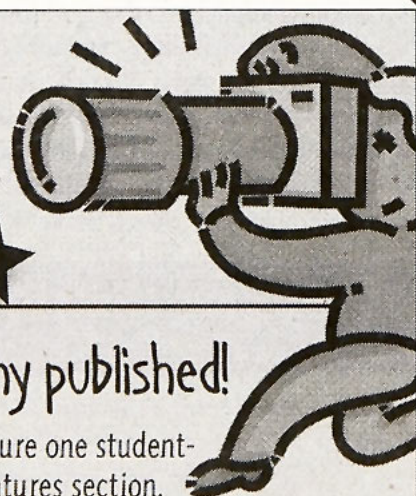
"We don't want the music to be cheapened, but at the same time, some artists just want to have as many people hear them as possible," he said.

The new company was launched on Nov. 23, and prior to the launch, Minardi, Ryan and Marino relied on the Internet, specifically MySpace.com, to build a following.

The Snakes and Suits MySpace account has over 3,000 friends, and Minardi said that sales "kicked ass" over the holiday season.

"We basically just wanted an outlet for anything creative we wanted to release in hopes that other people might enjoy as well," he said.

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The Ruckus

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Grammys: 50 and still rockin'

What's happening at the 2008 ceremony

**Jack Chandler
WINONAN**

The Grammy Awards will celebrate its 50th birthday on Feb. 10 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Originally named the Gramophone Awards during its inception in 1959, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences award show annually nominates and selects deserving entertainers and contributors from a variety of musical categories. Since its television debut in 1971, The Grammy's popularity has increased. Today, the ceremony is considered the Academy Awards of music, thanks to live performances from the year's most popular acts. Here are a few thoughts about this year's show.

An announcement that Beyonce, the Foo Fighters and Mary J. Blige have confirmed their performances for this year's show is displayed on grammy.com. Yea, so basically they've just left that post up since the 2002 ceremony.

It has been a long wait for the much-deserving MC, but Common will finally get his hip-hop Grammy in 2008.

Words can't describe how impressed I am that Fergie only received one nomination for her 6x platinum monster "The Dutchess." It's kinda like the academy is making up for Christopher Cross's infamous domination of the 1981 Grammys.

I think the pretentious Grammy bashing from the progressive rock community is getting a little old. If you're not familiar with the sentiments expressed by artists such as Tool's Jimmy Keenan or Nine Inch Nails Trent Reznor, it goes something like this, "Blahblah-old men back slapping-blah-promotional machine-



Christopher Cross

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thing like this, "Blahblah-old men back slapping-blah-promotional machine-yadayada-industry celebrating themselves." Guys, we get it. You hate the cute cookie-cutter Grammy crap that appeals to the masses. Don't get me wrong, I'm aware you aren't jealous, by any means, since your bands are regularly honored with nominations for your brilliant art, but the show is about celebrating the hard work and talent our favorite

favorite musicians put in during the year, not about focusing on the politics and money that go into the process.

Speculation has been swirling that Kanye West and Amy Winehouse will perform a duet together, possibly a melody of Winehouse's "You Know I'm No Good" and West's "Flashing Lights." The idea sounds decent to me, but is laying low in rehab another week possible for Wino?

Lastly, I'm not sure if I mentioned this already, but it's the 50th Anniversary of the Grammys. A half-century is a long time to continually maintain the level of success the ceremony had in its 50 years of production. The NARAS is expected to pull out all the stops. Michael will be there. If he's going through the trouble to attend, he's going to perform. With a new album expected this spring and the 25th Anniversary of "Thriller" releasing in February, it just seems like too much is falling into place for it not to happen. Would a "Beat It" dance-off with Chris Brown or a Prince accompaniment be too much to ask though? Yea, I thought so, too.

Questions or comments for The Ruckus can be sent to Jack Chandler at jcchandler3168@winona.edu

The Fire Five

1. "Feedback" Janet Jackson
The first single off her upcoming 10th studio album, Janet's "Feedback" is a club monster that incorporates a catchy hook with an edgy beat. Kudos goes to veteran producer Rodney Jerkins, who Ms. Jackson borrowed from older brother Michael.

2. "Ramblin' (Wo)man" Cat Power

Chan Marshall's most recent album, "Jukebox", is receiving nationwide acclaim and is the blues-pop singer's best effort in her ten-year career. The construction of The Dirty Delta Blues Band for backup support is no coincidence to her recent success.

3. "I Want Those Flashing Lights" Colin Munroe

The Toronto songwriter's remix of the Kanye West single "Flashing Lights", and subsequent single-shot video, have catapulted the Myspace artist in recent weeks. We personally like his sing-song version better than Kanye's.

4. "Goodbye Daughters of the Revolution" The Black Crowes

What!?!? These guys still make music!?!? Yea, and their hard-rock blues sound is as dirty as ever. The single off "Warpaint", the group's first studio album in seven years, features classic Chris Robinson wails and some nasty work on steel guitar.

5. "Everybody Nose" N.E.R.D.

All the girls standing in the line for the bathroom! N.E.R.D. returns this spring with their much-anticipated third studio album "N.3.R.D." The group will also be opening for Kanye this summer on his Glow in the Dark tour. Ehh, Chicago isn't that far.

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Written By

Drew Goddard

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Michael Stahl-David

MPAA Rating

PG-13 for violence, terror and disturbing images

Run Time

85 minutes

Roberts Rating

A – same tired plot but told in an original way

Jonathan Roberts WINONAN

"Cloverfield" could have sucked. It definitely had the potential to be absolutely terrible. A monster attacks New York, no one knows why, and it blows up stuff. Not a lot of room for creative maneuvering in the plot outline.

But they did it. The viral marketing campaign leading up to the movie was over the top and partnered with the "no-name" trailer that showed the explosion in downtown New York, it built up a lot of suspense and interest across the Internet world. The main characters in the movie even have their own MySpace pages.

But that is a superfluous. The big seller for me was no-name actors and hand-held cameras. On a \$30 million budget, I was thinking this had to be either the most expensive independent movie ever, or a really poorly done professional movie.

It was neither. It was very well put together, with honest and integral acting, ultra-real special effects and a perfect blend of secrecy and information provisions. Shooting the film with hand-held cameras gave a new depth to the typical "monster movie" genre. It followed real people, how they dealt with it and what normal people would do in this kind of situation. Honesty to a T.

From the very beginning I was totally immersed in the "Cloverfield" universe. Rob, the protagonist is being thrown a surprise going away party by his brother, Jason, and Jason's girlfriend, Lily, before he leaves for Japan for his new job. Lily puts Jason in charge of the camera by Lily, but instead pawns off the responsibility on Hud, Rob's main dude. Pretty sweet party until Beth, Rob's "wish-you-were-my-girlfriend" friend shows up with another guy. Drama-rama takes hold, and Beth storms out,

shortly followed by a building downtown exploding. First, they crowd around the television, then everyone runs to the roof, and as more fire comes raining from the sky, finally everyone decides to run downstairs, outside, and for their lives.

Here starts the meat of the movie, a bump-and-run suspense thriller with lots of unanswered questions that keep begging to be answered. Rob gets a voicemail from Beth, crying, in pain, saying she can't move and so, of course, the knight-in-a-sharp-suit, Rob, decides to go find her, even in face of his friend's objections. On their way, the military rolls in—tanks and all—and light up the night in

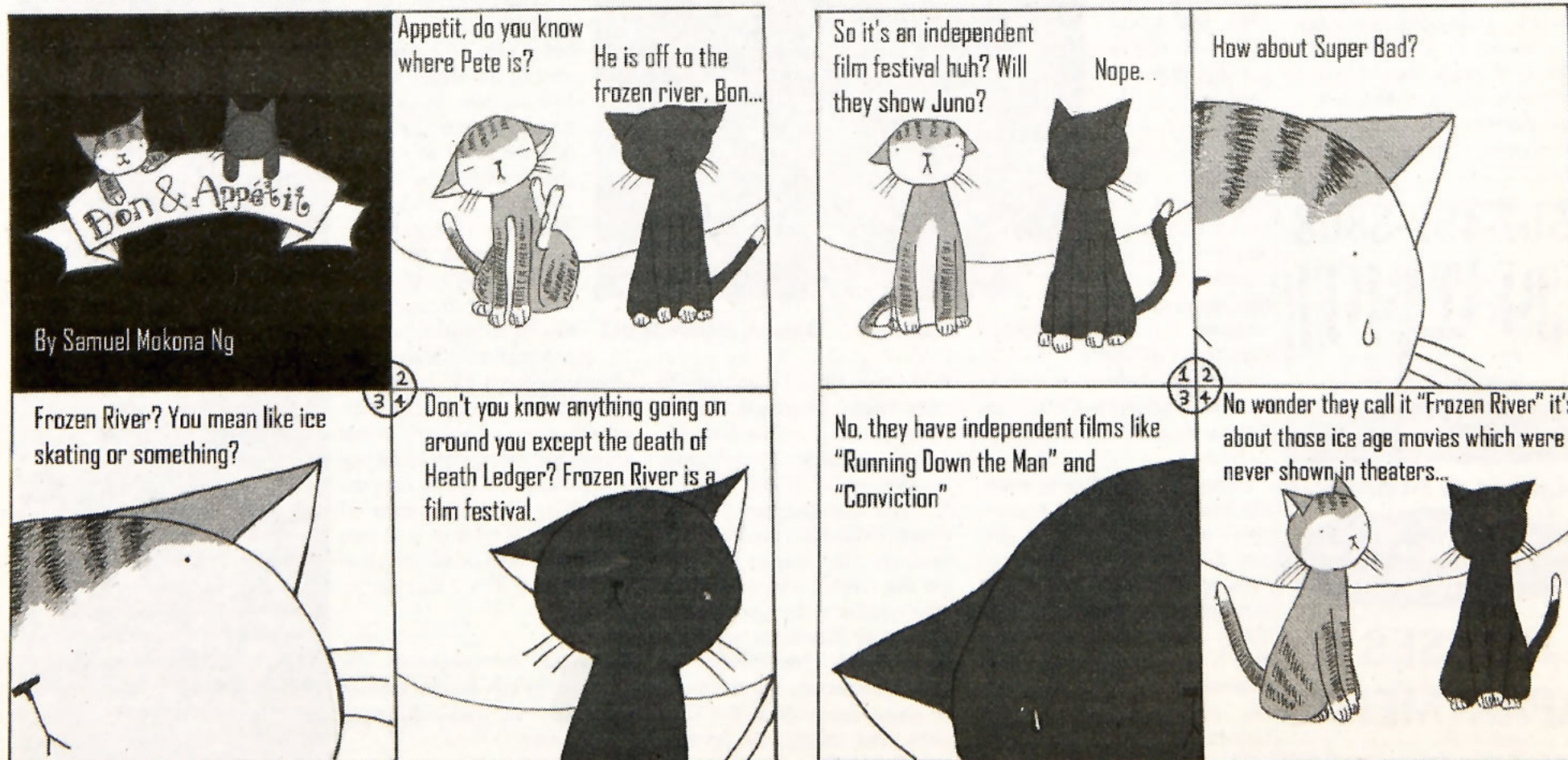


americanmadness.com

A scene of the decapitated Statue of Liberty after the creature destroyed it.

an effort to take down the monster. Things only escalate from there, including mini-monsters,

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Weekend attractions offered in Winona

Ten ideas to help keep boredom at bay

Jessica Larsen
WINONA

Winona may not be as exciting as New York City, but you don't have to sit around all weekend with nothing to do. Next weekend, instead of heading for home, grab some friends and conquer this list!

Street.

Winona County Historical Society: Full of exhibits and pieces of the past, this is a great place to learn about what Winona was like hundreds of years ago. If you ever have to do a paper on any aspect of Winona's history, the staff has resources available.

good idea to make a card for your parents telling them how much you love them, then you can break the news.

Play in the snow

The cold weather may not be the greatest, but it does come with its advantages: Snow. It's okay to bring back memories of when you were younger...go outside and start a snowball fight, build an igloo, make a snow angel or go sledding. Who knows how long the snow will stay, so get out there!

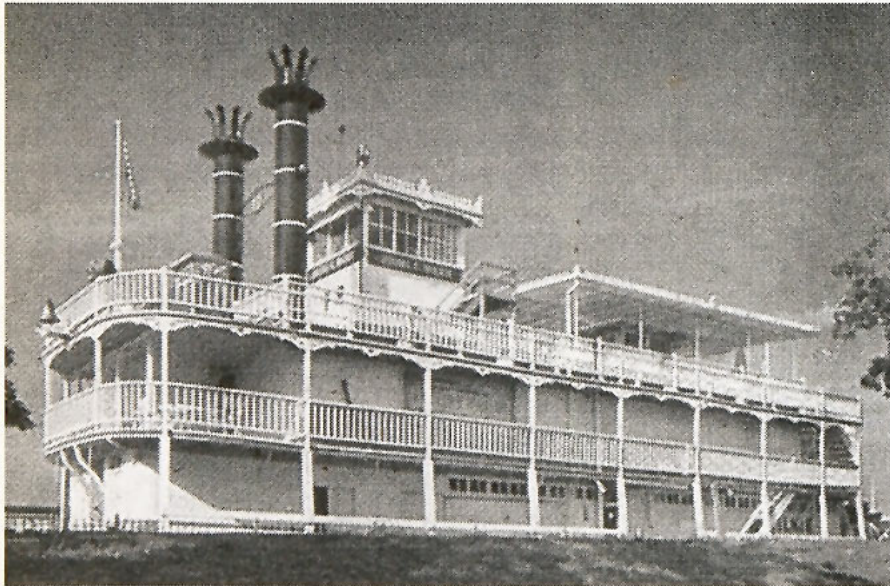
Winona should keep this treasure do to money issues. Take some time to go visit and look around. Although you cannot go inside, the steamboat's physical beauty will be well worth the trip.

Late-night trip to Wal-Mart

Sure Wal-Mart is just another store during the day, but when night falls it is much more. Take some friends with you on this adventure. I have witnessed things from ninjas to aisle hockey. You will be surprised at what you see at 1 a.m. at Wal-Mart!

So the next time you're bored in Winona and looking for something to do, try one of these ideas. You'll find this town isn't as boring as it seems.

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Visit the Julius C. Wilkie Steamboat near the river. The boat is one of Winona's many attractions.

Winona 7 Movie Theater

With seven to eight movies playing every week, Winona 7 is a way to spend a night on the town. So ask out that certain someone or have a "girl's night" (or a "boy's night!") and head down to 2nd and Main Street for a movie and popcorn!

Museums

That's right, Winona does have museums.

Minnesota Marine Art Museum: Folk art to featured art, this museum is full of artistic and historical paintings, marine art and artifacts, folk art, photographs, maps and more. Students receive a discount; so don't forget your ID.

Polish Cultural Institute: The Polish Museum features a wide variety of Polish culture, family heirlooms, religious articles, books, parish records and many other items. The building is the historic Laird, Norton Lumber Co. building, located on 2nd

Climb up to Sugar Loaf

Sugar Loaf is the one of Winona's oldest pieces of history and is there for you to adventure up. Although you cannot climb to the top, it makes for a great workout or afternoon activity.

Take a stroll around the Lakes

The lakes are located very close to campus and are great for walking off some stress or just to relax. Be sure to take a detour to one of the many playgrounds and have some fun on the swings and slides. Don't forget to bring some bread to feed the ducks!

Get a tattoo or piercing

Although this is a great idea to do once or twice, try not to do it every weekend! Located on 3rd Street, Red Wing Tattoo has artists who will work with you on any design you have in mind. After you have your new tattoo or piercing, it may be a

There are also foot trails leading off of the platform you can traverse to see more.

The Levy

If you ever need a place to sit and think try the Levy. Its up-close view of the river is both peaceful and relaxing. It is usually empty of people, but you may get lucky enough to have a musician playing their music for your enjoyment.

Julius C. Wilkie Steamboat

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WSU offers Healthy Monday Program Series

The "Healthy Mondays" series will hold a seminar titled, "Sex and Alcohol: Spin the Bottle," at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18 in the Purple Rooms in Kryzsko Commons.

These events are free and open to students.

For more information call Kelli McClintick at 507-457-5619 or e-mail: kmcclintick@winona.edu

WSU Welcomes Winona International Dancers

The Winona State University International Music Series and the Winona International Dancers will be showcasing dances from Greece, Norway, Poland, Germany and America at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31 in the Tau Center Rotunda.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information call Cathy Schmidt at 507-457-5256.

WSU Holds Engineering Open House

Faculty and students of the Composite Materials Engineering Program invite incoming engineering majors to learn about the engineering department 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9 in Stark Hall, Room 103.

Two \$100 scholarships which can be applied towards the purchase of books at the WSU Bookstore, will be awarded at the event. Incoming engineering students can register to win.

Guests are asked to confirm their attendance by Tuesday, Feb. 5.

To confirm registration, or for more information, call Carol O'Laughlin at 507-457-5685.

WSU Athenaeum Series Hosts "Corruption and the Campaign Finance System"

WSU history professor Kurt Hohenstien will discuss the history and evolution of the American campaign finance system with emphasis on the current presidential campaign, as well as his new book, *Coining Corruption: The Making of the American Campaign Finance System*, at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30 on the second floor of the Darrell W. Krueger Library.

For more information and event descriptions, visit: www.winona.edu/library/atheneum, call Kendall Larson at 507-457-5367 or Joe Mount at 507-457-5147.

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exploding people, and people being eaten, all shot live, before your eyes, on Hud's handcam!

One of my favorite parts of the movie is that Hud, in his innocent stupidity, rolls on the same tape that Rob had used weeks earlier for him and Beth's trip to Coney Island. So in between these dark and intense scenes of monster-mayhem, there are clips from Rob and Beth's date, all bright eyed and cheery. The contrast is just

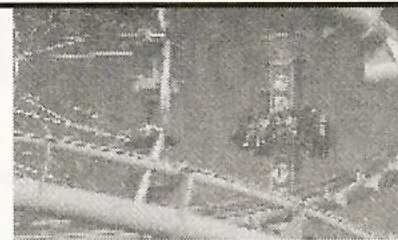
exquisite and adds just another layer on the already bone-deep depth that this crew has put into "Cloverfield".

If you can't handle the jarring of the camera, proceed with caution. One kid on IMDB said it gave him a seizure. Whatever. I thought it was the most original, deep, and well thought out production of an average plot line in ages. Still in theatres, go see it, maybe next Monday at the Winona 7 (only \$5.50 with

with your college ID)!

Or maybe "Sweeney Todd" in La Crosse. I heard that was good. It won awards or something.

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Winona State graduate honored for "Outstanding Service to the Profession"

Victor Vieth, director of the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC) at Winona State University, is among five individuals being honored for "Outstanding Service to the Profession" by Minnesota Lawyer, an independent weekly newspaper.

Vieth, who received a bachelor's degree from WSU and earned his Juris Doctor from Hamline University School of Law, was recognized by the editorial staff of Minnesota Lawyer for his work to eliminate child abuse by designing training programs for prosecutors on a national level.

Since 2003, Vieth has served as director of NCPTC. The center handles training and technical assistance involving dependency, neglect and termination of parental rights matters involving child abuse, as well as development of curriculums

"Victor has always been committed to providing the best services for children in the legal context. He works tirelessly to use the tools available in the legal system to stop the abuse of children," said Tom Frost, Executive Director of CornerHouse, an Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation and Training Center in Minneapolis.

Vieth is also the author of *Unto the Third Generation*, an initiative that has as its goal the elimination of child abuse in the United States over the course of a century. He has trained professionals from all 50 states, two U.S. Territories and 17 countries on numerous topics involving child abuse investigations, prosecutions, trial strategies and prevention methods.

"He is a man of great passion and commitment who I truly believe will one day be remem-

bered and honored as a visionary in the field of child protection in America," said James Backstrom, Dakota County Attorney. "Children in Minnesota and throughout our country will be safer for generations to come because of Victor Vieth's tireless efforts."

The "Outstanding Service to the Profession" honorees were recognized by the paper as individuals who "have strengthened the state's legal community through many years of dedicated service." An upcoming special section of Minnesota Lawyer will highlight the accomplishments of these award recipients, along with the 2007 "Attorneys of the Year," and a dinner celebration will take place Feb. 21 at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. For more information visit: www.minn-lawyer.com.

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Devine, WSU off to hot start

Justin Magill
WINONAN

Jessica Devine has four wins in three meets for the Winona State University track and field team.

The scary thing for her opponents is that WSU coach Mason Rebarchek believes there is room for improvement.

"I think her races have been OK," Rebarchek said. "She has a little work to do on her form, but those numbers are still pretty good this early."

Included in those numbers is a school record in the 60-meter hurdles, which Devine ran in 9.03 seconds.

Devine knew about the record after the race was over, not because she studies all of WSU's track records, but because it was a mark she had set before.

"I knew that I broke the record when I was done," Devine said. "It was my record that I broke."

Devine is in numerous events for WSU, and Rebarchek said they watch her during the week.

"If she is hurt or tired during the week, it is not uncommon for us to have her in just one event," Rebarchek said. "We make sure that she's in the hurdles because she has

a great chance of going to nationals there."

When Devine is at a meet, one will likely see her downing some Gatorade and Powerbars to keep her energy up.

"Must have orange Gatorade and chocolate Powerbars," Devine laughed. "They are my favorites."

Along with her record-time in the 60-meter hurdles and taking first at the Mankato Open, Devine won the 55-meter hur-

dles and the 55-meter dash at the Blugold Open and the 55-meter hurdles at the UW-Stout Open.

"I thought I did fine," Devine said. "I always pick myself apart."

Track is in Devine's blood — she can't get away from it or the Winona area in the off-season.

Devine lives in La Crosse, Wis., and commutes to help out Winona Senior High School's track and field team in the summer.

She has a lot to offer high school athletes, being an exercise science major and with goals of expanding her education.

"I want go to Colorado State for graduate school," Devine said. "They have the program I want."

For a dream job, Devine said she wants to go south.

"I would love to coach at LSU (Louisiana State University) or Arkansas where track is big," Devine said.

In its first meet of the season at Mankato, Rebarchek said WSU had no surprises.

"Nobody did bad, and nobody shocked us," he said.

Devine won the

60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.03 — .12 of a second better than her previous school record.

At the Blugold Open, WSU took third place, as Devine won the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.48 and the 55-meter dash in 7.56

seconds.

Nikki Olsen won the 200-meter dash in 26.97 seconds.

"Much like Mankato, we saw what we expected," Rebarchek said.

In its third meet of the season at the UW-Stout Open, WSU won four events.

Devine won the 55-meter hurdles again with a time of 8.46 seconds, Lindsey Derby won the 55-meter dash in 7.46 seconds, and Chelsey Brown

qualified for nationals in the weight throw with a throw of 52-2 3/4.

"It was good to see her hit that," Rebarchek said. "I think that was seven feet farther than her previous personal record."

WSU also won the 4-by-200 relay with a time of 1:46.79.

Sam Lisowski, Kelly Milkent, Nikki Olsen and Nicci Johnson were on the relay team for WSU.

"It was a good overall day for us," Rebarchek said. "We have to look forward to next weekend, with two meets in two days, which will be a good simulator for nationals."

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Brown



Devine

Winona State Men's Basketball Statistical Spotlight

1 point shy of 2,000 career points for senior center John Smith.

61 points Smith is shy of breaking David Zellmann's record of 2,059 career points at WSU.

71 blocks for Smith in 23 games this season.

15, 13, 6, 5 points, rebounds, assists and blocks for Smith in a 92-75 win over Minnesota State-Mankato on Dec. 28.

25, 17, 6 points, rebounds and blocks for Smith in WSU's 64-59 comeback victory at MSU-Moorhead on Jan. 11.

28.8 percent shooting (19-for-66) for WSU vs. MSUM.

16 percent shooting (4-for-25) from 3-point range for WSU against the Dragons.

4 straight games — all wins — in which five Warriors finished in double-figures in scoring (Dec. 28 vs. MSU, Dec. 29 at MSU, Jan. 4 vs. Southwest Minn. State, Jan. 5 vs. Wayne State).

28.8 percent shooting (19-for-71) for UM-Crookston in a 77-48 loss to WSU on Jan. 18.

7:39 it took for Crookston to score its first points. The Golden Eagles missed their first 12 shots and committed seven turnovers in that span. WSU led 18-0 lead.

50 point victory for WSU over Mary (N.D.) on Saturday, which isn't even the Warriors' largest margin of victory this season. WSU beat Bethany Lutheran by 62 and cross-town rival Saint Mary's by 63 earlier this season.

26 Mary turnovers forced by WSU.

41 game winning streak in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference for WSU. The Warriors' last conference loss came against Bemidji State at home on Jan. 7, 2006.

8 straight wins for WSU over NSIC rival Northern State. The Warriors beat the Wolves 71-66 at McCown Gymnasium on Friday night.

16 wins in a row overall for WSU (22-1, 11-0)

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Nugent, Warriors upset defending champs

Justin Magill
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The first three meets of the season include the defending national champions and another with six titles in seven years.

Not going to find a problem with that on the Winona State University gymnastics team.

Junior Alexandra Nugent believes that this year's team can not only compete with some of the national powers, but beat them as well.

WSU proved that with a 179.124-175.350 victory over the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the defending national champion.

"We have seen the level of the top teams so far," said Nugent, who qualified for nationals in each her freshman and sophomore seasons. "I truly believe that we have the team that can get to nationals."

In three meets Nugent has won the all-around competition twice and took second in the other, losing by less than one point.

Funny thing is, Nugent hasn't been completely satisfied — even when she has won.

"I thought I did all right on some of the events, even though I fell on the beam once," Nu-

some so far. We have a freshman class that is hard-working, and the upper classmen are leading us," she said.

An individual goal for Nugent consists of helping her team.

"I just want to go out there and set a good example for the team," Nugent said.

In her first two years Nugent has qualified for nationals as an individual, but this year she wants the rest of the Warriors to join her.

"Qualifying for nationals is our main goal as a team, and I think it's a real possibility," Nugent said.

Trying to find Nugent before a meet is nearly impossible, since she gets in the zone by meditating before meets.

"Some people think it's weird, so now I do it in my room before I leave," Nugent said. "I also listen to 'Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club' by The Beatles."

Nugent has quite a handful with her academics along with gymnastics. She is a Spanish teaching major and plans on going to graduate school to learn Chinese.

"I just want people to understand all of the different cultures in the world so we don't

in its first meet of the season 178.625-172.70.

Nugent won the all-around competition with a score of 36.475, winning the vault and the floor.

Amanda Cotter, a freshman from Elm Grove, Wis., won the parallel bars with a score of 8.900.

The Warriors took down UW-Oshkosh the following week, defeating the defending national champion.

WSU got victories from Melissa Baudhuin in the vault, Eileen Strube on the beam, and Nugent on the floor and in the all-around.

In their third meet of the season, the Warriors took on national powerhouse UW-La Crosse and put up a good fight, losing to the Eagles 184.375-182.00.

"A 182 is something we expect to see later on in the year," said WSU coach Beckie Rolbiecki, who also coaches Winona Senior High School's gymnastics team and has led the Winhawks to 49 consecutive dual meet victories. "We still made mistakes, so we are expecting those numbers to get better in the future."

Baudhuin won the beam, while Nugent won the floor and the all-around for the second time this season.

Rolbiecki noticed the depth on this year's squad compared to last.

"Last year we relied on Nu-

gent," Rolbiecki said. "This season we are getting so much from everyone, and it makes it fun."

Even with a loss, the Warriors still have their heads held up high.

"Our confidence wasn't shredded one bit tonight," Rolbiecki said. "We came in here and put up a good performance against one of the best."



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WSU's Alexandra Nugent performs her routine on the uneven bars during a home meet Jan. 17 against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Nugent, a junior who has qualified for nationals in each of her first two years at WSU, placed first in both the floor exercise and the all-around. The Warriors went on to defeat the defending national champion 179.125-175.350.

"We have seen the level of the top teams so far. I truly believe that we have the team that can get to nationals."

Alexandra Nugent, two-time national qualifier, on the talent and potential of Winona State's gymnastics team.

gent said. "But I managed to pull through."

Being one of the leaders, Nugent is thrilled with the team thus far.

"This year has been awe-

have all of these conflicts," Nugent said.

One thing teams found out was WSU is among the nation's best.

WSU defeated UW-Stout

Transfers Steffen, Homewood spark surging WSU women

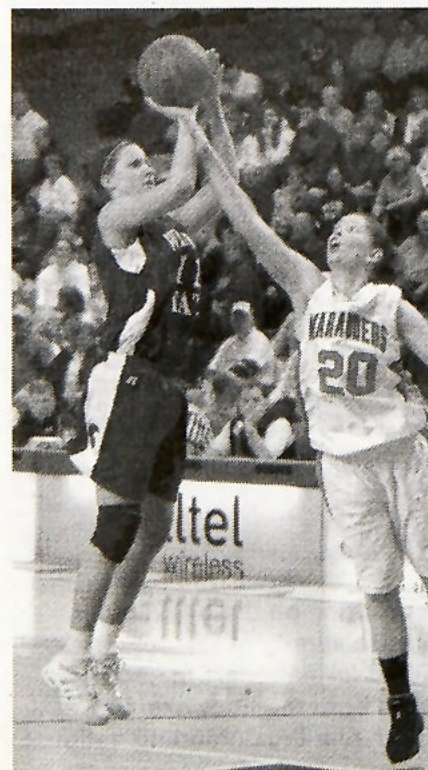
**Adam Stanek
WINONAN**

There are a few key factors that have always given great teams the edge over the rest: Great defense, playmakers, and great bench production.

The Winona State University women's basketball team is starting to develop these attributes, and it could be on its way to having as much success as the men's team.

While a national championship could be difficult for this year's team to achieve, the Warriors are starting to build the fundamentals that will get them there.

This year, WSU's bench is averaging 46.1 points per game and, typically, the team goes nine or 10 players deep.



Fred Schulze/WINONAN

In her first nine games of the season, WSU's Jenny Steffen averaged 8.3 points per game on 39.6 percent shooting. In her past 13 games, Steffen averaged 16.3 points on 52.6 percent shooting from the field and 54.8 percent from 3-point range.

WSU lost only one key player after last season, three-year starter Shelby Krueger.

Typically, great point guards are hard to replace, but WSU coach Scott Ballard seemingly found what he needed: Two huge transfers.

Not huge in stature, but in production and experience.

Kelsey Homewood and Jenny Steffen each came to WSU with a national championship already under their belts.

Homewood won hers at Kirkwood Community College (Iowa), which won last year's Division II National Junior College title. She averaged 7.5 points per game on that team.

Even though she was playing very well with Kirkwood, Homewood felt that WSU was what she was really playing for.

"I talked to Coach Ballard while at my school last year, and he made me feel like I was already a part of the program," Homewood said. "In the middle part of our season at Kirkwood, I was pretty much set at Winona State."

"We wanted to get a proven point guard," Ballard said. "And she was the starting point guard for the JUCO national championship team."

This season, Homewood is averaging 5.8 points, 1.5 assists, just over a steal per game, and the energy she comes with off the bench sparks the rest of the team to play well.

The other transfer WSU picked up is no slouch her-

self; in fact, she's the team's leading scorer.

Steffen is averaging 13 points, 3.7 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game. She also recorded a WSU season-high for points in a game when she dropped 30 on MSU-Moorhead on Jan. 11.

Steffen comes in out of a solid Grand Valley State program that won the national championship two years ago when she was a freshman.

However, much like Homewood, Steffen decided to play at WSU because of how the program treated her.

"I came in just because the program was rebuilding," Steffen said. "The inviting players were treating me more as a friend than a teammate."

I knew I was coming in, and I just wanted to contribute."

To take it a step further, both of these players come off the bench.

"It makes me want to sub in a hurry," Ballard said. "They give us a spark off the bench. I feel really good having both of them there. We need everybody, and if it's not broke, don't fix it."

It's far from being "broke."

The Warriors (16-6, 6-5) picked up two wins over the weekend, the biggest being a win over Mary on Saturday.

Coincidentally, Steffen hit the game winning shot with two-tenths of a second left to win the game, 50-48.

It might be a little surprising, but if WSU can finish the season strongly, it could perhaps be a dark horse out of the NSIC to make the NCAA tournament.



Homewood

Winona State Women's Basketball Statistical Spotlight

16 wins for WSU this season, tying a program record. The Warriors also won 16 games in 1999-2000 and 2003-04. WSU has eight regular-season games remaining.

31-0 run by WSU in a 92-62 victory over UN-Kearney at McCown Gymnasium on Dec. 30.

9:31 stretch in which Kearney failed to score a point. The Lopers missed 17 straight field goals.

29.2 percent shooting (19-for-65) for UN-K in the game.

1 point shy of recording the first triple-double in WSU men's or women's basketball history for Molly Anderson in an 84-82 loss at home to Bemidji State on Jan. 19. The junior guard finished with nine points on 2-of-9 shooting, 10 rebounds and 13 assists.

38, 8, 8 points, rebounds and assists for the Beavers' Amy Lawson in the same game. The senior point guard was 13 of 16 from the field and 5 of 6 from 3-point range in setting a BSU single-game scoring record.

5 games this season in which Anderson has had at least nine points, five rebounds and five assists.

4 games in which Anderson has had at least nine points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

30 points — a career high — for WSU's Jenny Steffen in an 85-83 double-overtime win at MSU-Moorhead on Jan. 11. The junior guard shot 9 of 16 from the field and 6 of 8 from beyond the arc.

Two-tenths of a second remaining Saturday night when Steffen hit a hanging, game-winning layup to lead WSU past Mary (N.D.) at McCown Gymnasium.

6 consecutive points Steffen scored for WSU to end the game. She had nine points in the final 4:16 and 13 of her team-high 15 points for the game in the final 9:25.

10:21 stretch in which the Warriors went without a field goal in the second half against Mary. WSU went 0-for-7 from the field and turned the ball over eight times.

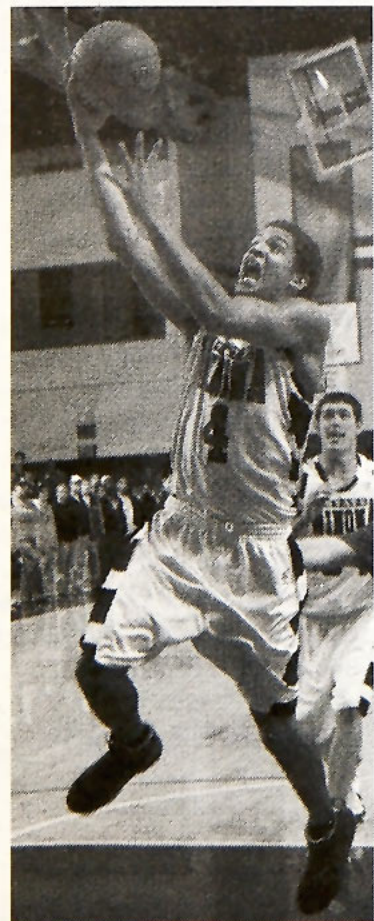
28.9, 6.7 percent shooting from the field (13-for-45) and 3-point range (1-for-15) for Mount Mercy (Iowa) in a 71-34 loss to WSU on Dec. 5.

Henderson, who was being recruited by Leaf, had an interest in WSU but ended up receiving an offer from Division I Creighton and signed with the Bluejays in April.

A year later, Flowers was putting the finishing touches on a senior season in which he averaged 18 points, six rebounds, 5.4 steals and 4.2 assists at La Follette, earning him AP all-state honors along with his younger brother and teammate, Michael, who now plays basketball at Wisconsin.

Basketball, however, may not have been Flowers' best sport.

As a standout wide receiver, Flowers caught 38 passes for 683 yards and eight touchdowns in his senior season, earning all-state honors and an invitation from Wisconsin football coach Barry Alvarez to



Andrew Link/WINONAN
WSU's Quincy Henderson is averaging 9.6 points per game for the Warriors this season.

come to Madison as a preferred walk-on.

His stay didn't last long.

"I missed basketball," Flowers said. "I spent a lot of my time at the gym playing pickup games instead of trying to get better at football, so I was like, 'I might as well go somewhere and play basketball.'"

"Basketball is where my heart is."

Flowers received interest from some Division I schools, but a transfer to another Division I program meant he'd have to sit out a year — something he wasn't willing to do.

At the same time, Robinson had decided to sign with WSU but opted not to actively influence Flowers' decision.

"We wanted to let each other make our own decisions," Robinson said. "But once we found out what we both chose, we sat down, talked about it and developed a little dream we had."

Meanwhile, things resembled a nightmare for Henderson at Creighton. He suffered a season-ending ankle injury during the team's first practice.

"That was just a terrible start," Henderson said. "There were injuries after that, too, and it just didn't feel like it was a fit for me. I just felt like it was time for a change."

The injury forced Henderson to redshirt in his first season. As a redshirt freshman the next year, he averaged 1.2 points and 1.5 rebounds in 22 games. As a sophomore, he played in just four of the team's first 15 games before deciding to leave.

He contacted his former high school teammates and asked about the situation at WSU.

"I talked to both of them throughout the process, just kind of felt it out and asked what they felt about it," Henderson said. "I was like, 'Well, two guys I know like it there,

I've played with them before, they're good players, and we've been successful in the past, so why not give it a shot?"

"Things just kind of fell in place."

Henderson decided to call Winona home before ever stepping foot on campus.

"I told (Leaf) I'd come here before I'd ever been on campus," Henderson said. "I had never been to Winona before; I just knew what Jonte and Curt had told me, nothing else."

After being reunited in storybook fashion, the three didn't miss a beat on or off the court.

"It was cool because, obviously, we know each other's playing style," said Flowers, who has roomed with Robinson since his first year. "It all just clicked and really helped with team chemistry. It's been very successful for us."

Not much had changed since high school, except for maybe some hairstyles.

"We all used to have the afro at some point in high school," Henderson laughed. "It was kind of our thing."

Flowers remembers everyone getting together at his house before high school games so his mom could fix up their hair.

"After school, before games, we'd all go to my place and we'd sit there and play cards while some of the other guys would sit there and get their hair done," he said. "We had some good times in high school."

The good times certainly haven't ended.

The trio has combined to average 32.3 points and 13.4 rebounds per game for the No. 3-ranked Warriors, who extending their winning streak in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference to

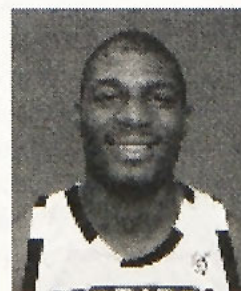


Andrew Link/WINONAN

WSU's Jonte Flowers is leading the Warriors in steals this season, averaging 3.25 per game.

41 games after stomping Mary (N.D.) 95-45 on Saturday.

Henderson is averaging 9.6 points and 5.3 rebounds per game and, on the defensive end, he has the size and the athletic ability to guard any position.



Robinson

Robinson, a reserve averaging nearly 20 minutes per game, is shooting 52 percent from the floor and averaging 8.2 points.

His frightening athletic ability was best exemplified in a 100-81 drubbing of Viterbo on Dec. 19, when he raced down the

court on a fast break and executed a 360-degree dunk — the second of his career.

Flowers is averaging 14.5 points on 50 percent shooting, 4.8 rebounds and 3.15 assists. The three-time defending NSIC defensive player of the year currently ranks third in Division II with 3.25 steals per game.

It's unknown if the La Follette trio will ever play competitive basketball again after this year, whether it be playing professionally or on the same team in pickup games at the local gym years down the road.

They'll probably go their separate ways, determined to stay in touch.

High school reunion

From La Follette to WSU, the Warriors' talented trio is still winning together

Matt Huss
WINONAN

They went their separate ways after high school, like most friends do, determined to stay in touch.

They moved to different states, enrolled at different colleges, and even decided to play different sports.

Quincy Henderson was the first to go, leaving for Creighton University in Omaha.

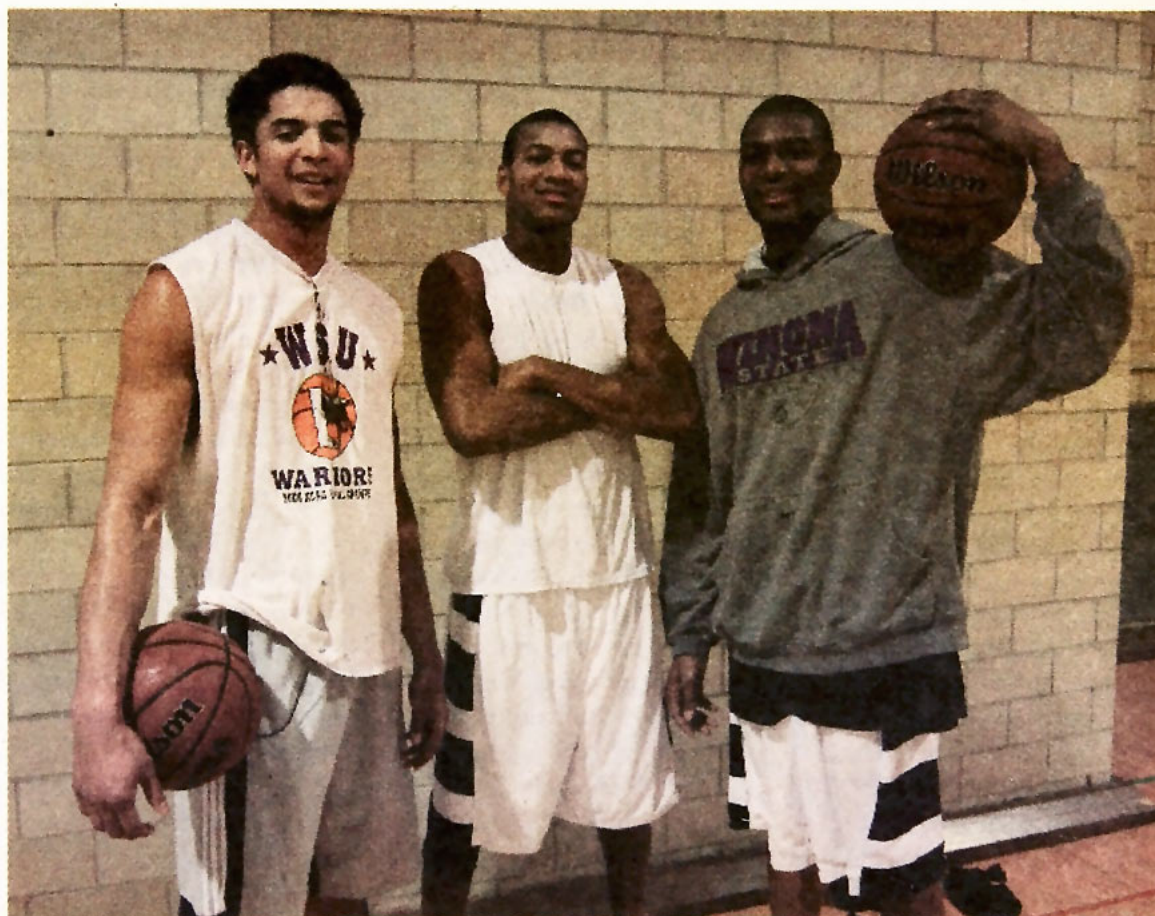
A year later, Jonte Flowers spurned the hardwood for the gridiron at Camp Randall Stadium at the University of Wisconsin.

Meanwhile, Curtrel Robinson was preparing for his senior season of basketball at La Follette High School in Madison, Wis., two years removed from the state championship

sity, and they certainly didn't imagine they would eventually be reunited there to accomplish even bigger and better things together.

Four years after leading La Follette to a 25-1 record and a 43-40 win over Fond du Lac in Wisconsin's state high school title game, Flowers, Henderson and Robinson each donned Winona State purple and white and started for the Warriors against Virginia Union in the 2005-06 NCAA Division II national championship game.

WSU defeated the Panthers 73-61 on national television and in front of 4,093 fans at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Mass., on March 25, 2006. It was the 22nd win in a row for the Warriors — then a school record — and the icing on a dramatic postseason in



Paul Solberg/WINONAN

After winning a state championship together at La Follette (Wis.) High School in 2002, Quincy Henderson, left, Jonte Flowers, middle, and Curtrel Robinson each followed unique paths to Winona State, where they were reunited on the hardwood as Warriors.

"It's definitely cool. And the fact that we all ended up coming back to one place is kind of weird."

Quincy Henderson, on being reunited with his high school teammates at Winona State.

the three friends and teammates won as Lancers.

They didn't know much about Winona State Univer-

which WSU executed furious second-half rallies in four of its final six games.

Many thought the run to be

improbable, shocking, even a product of destiny.

Much of the same has been said about the unique paths that led to the reunion of the three high school teammates at WSU, where they picked up right where they left off at La Follette.

"It's definitely cool," Henderson said. "And the fact that we all ended up coming back to one place is kind of weird."

Weird for them, but a pleasant surprise for WSU coach

Mike Leaf, who watched all three compete in high school and hoped they'd eventually commit to Winona State.

Only Robinson took Leaf up on the offer originally, but the youngest of the three has no complaints with how everything turned out.

"It's real cool," Robinson said. "Even though our paths here were a little different, I think everything worked out for the best."

Henderson, the oldest of the

trio, averaged 14.5 points, 6.6 rebounds, 2.8 blocks and 1.8 steals as a senior at La Follette, earning first-team all-state honors by The Associated Press. He had 24 points, nine rebounds and four blocks in a state semifinal win over Wauwatosa, followed by 13 points, eight rebounds and four blocks in the state title game.

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